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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS PROGRAM

REF: A. MEXICO 6749

B. STATE AIRGRAM A-6064, JULY 17, 1973

1. U.S. CUSTOMS IS PREPARED TO OFFER TWO TWO-WEEK TRAINING COURSES TO CLASSES NOT TO EXCEED 25 STUDENTS EACH AS SOON AS NECESSARY DETAILS CAN BE AGREED UPON WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS (E.G., DATES, SITE, CLASS COMPOSITION, AND COURSE CONTENT).

2. WITH RESPECT TO DOG HANDLERS TRAINING, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED:

A) AS U.S. CUSTOMS HAS NO TRAINED DOGS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR MEXICAN PERSONNEL TO SPEND 10-12 WEEKS AT SAN ANTONIO TO TRAIN DOGS TO BE PROVIDED.

B) CUSTOMS CAN COMMENCE THIS TRAINING BEGINNING SECOND WEEK IN OCTOBER.

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C) MEXICAN TRAINEES SHOULD POSSESS CERTAIN MINIMAL PRE-

REQUISITIES, NAMELY SOME EXPERIENCE WITH DOGS AND NO ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTY IN HANDLING WORKING DOGS IN AN ENFORCEMENT ENVIRONMENT. THE 10-WEEK NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG COURSE GIVEN TO U.S. PERSONNEL IS BASED UPON A

PREREQUISITE THAT TRAINEES ARE ALREADY EXPERIENCED DOG HANDLERS. CUSTOMS HAS EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMENTS IN TRAINING RESULTS WHERE STUDENTS WERE ADMITTED WHO HAD LITTLE OR NO DOG HANDLING EXPERIENCE. NORMALLY, APPROXIMATELY 8 WEEKS IS REQUIRED IN BASIC DOG HANDLING COURSES. IN ANY EVENT, IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT SUCCESSFUL NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOGS INVOLVE A MARRIAGE OF DOG AND HANDLER AND THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS AVAILABLE IN THIS PROGRAM WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED BY A RELATIVELY HIGH DEGREE OF FAILURE.

3. A U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICER FROM HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON CAN DISCUSS DETAILS OF BOTH PROJECTS IN MEXICO AT AN EARLY DATE. SUGGEST SUCH ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE BY PHONE BETWEEN CUSTOMS' OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS AND EMBASSY'S CUSTOMS ATTACHE. RUSH

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